AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) Device for controlling the contact pressure of backup rolls (SW) resting on work rolls, whose neck (WZ) is supported in roller bearings or journal bearings in a bearing support housing or the bearing chock of the rolls of a roll stand, the neck having a neck extension (ZA), which is supported in an axial support bearing formed as a radiax bearing (RA), the axial support bearing having a bearing housing (LG) is connected externally to the bearing support housing of the contact rolls or to the bearing chock (LS) of the backup rolls, comprising an intermediate housing (ZG), which is inserted into the bearing housing (LG) and cylindrically encloses the radiax ~~axial support~~ bearing (RA), and a piston-cylinder unit (RB, SK) operatively arranged for adjustably displacing the intermediate housing in the bearing housing in the radial direction relative to the axis of the neck extension (ZA), wherein the piston-cylinder unit includes a piston (SK) arranged in a radial bore (RB) in the housing (LG), the piston (SK) being connected with a

pressure fluid via the bore (RB), whereby the piston (SK) applies a radial bending force to the neck extension (ZA) of the roll (SW).

2. (Previously presented) Device according to Claim 1, wherein the piston-cylinder unit (RB, SK) consists of an internal cylindrical recess (RB), which extends radially relative to the axis in a wall of the bearing housing (LG) enclosing the intermediate housing (ZG), and of a floating piston (SK), which can be displaced in this cylindrical recess (RB) and actuated by a hydraulic medium.

3. (Previously presented) Device according to Claim 1, in which the neck of the backup roll is supported in a journal bearing in the bearing chock, wherein the journal bearing is designed as a hydraulic oil film bearing.